Ayes—cont.

14 Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar.
15 Mr. T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar.
16 Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur.
17 Mr. A. B. Shetty.
18 Khan Bahadur P. Khalif-ul-lah Sahib Bahadur.
19 Rao Bahadur P. C. Muthu Chettiyar.
20 Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan.
21 Basheer Ahmed Sayeed Sahib Bahadur.
22 Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.
23 ,, K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder.
24 ,, P. Peddi Raju.
25 ,, K. Singam Ayyangar.
26 Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu.
27 Mr. K. P. Raman Menon.
28 Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar.
29 Mr. M. S. Sreshta.
30 ,, P. V. Krishnayya Choudari.
31 Sriman M. G. Patnaik Mahasayo.
32 Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar.
33 Mr. C. Indrayya.
34 ,, J. Kuppuswami Choudari.
35 ,, G. R. Premayya.
36 ,, P. Madhusudanan Thangal.
37 Rao Bahadur R. K. Venugopal Nayudu.
38 Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.
39 ,, K. Koti Reddi.
40 Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro.
41 ,, C. Natesa Mudaliyar.
42 Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar.

Noes.

1 The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman.
2 ,, Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar.
3 ,, Sir Archibald Campbell.
4 ,, Sir Hopetoun Stokes.
5 ,, Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar.
6 ,, Mr. P. T. Rajan.
7 ,, the Raja of Bobbili.
8 Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao.
9 Mr. J. A. Thorne.
10 ,, H. M. Hood.
11 Diwan Bahadur N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar.
12 Mr. R. Madanagopal Nayudu.
13 ,, E. Conran Smith.
14 ,, M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
15 Mr. T. Narasa Reddi.
16 Rao Sahib N. Siva Raj.
17 Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur.
18 Rao Bahadur R. Srinivasan.
19 Mr. M. Vedachala Mudaliyar.
20 ,, B. P. Sesha Reddi.
21 ,, P. C. Moses.
22 ,, P. V. Rajagopal Pillai.
23 ,, V. G. Vasudeva Pillai.
24 Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai.
25 Raja of Khallikote.
26 Zamindar of Kirlampudi.
27 Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai.
28 S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur.
29 Diwan Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar.
30 Mr. C. Basu Dev.
31 ,, R. M. Palat.
32 ,, C. Krishnan.

Neutral.

1 Rao Bahadur G. Jagannatha Raju.
2 Mrs. K. Alamelumangathayaramma.
3 Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur.
4 Mr. M. Devadasan.
5 ,, G. Sriramulu.
6 ,, W. P. A. Soundara Pandian.
7 ,, Daniel Thomas.
8 ,, V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar.
9 Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
10 ,, M. B. Rangaswami Reddi.
11 ,, F. Birley.
12 ,, J. K. Metherell.
13 ,, W. K. M. Langley.
14 ,, W. W. Ladden.
15 ,, W. H. Millar.
16 ,, G. Simhachalam.

Ayes 42. *Noes* 32. *Neutral* 16.

The motion was carried.

VII.—THE MADRAS MATERNITY BENEFIT BILL (BILL No. 10 OF 1933).

12 noon.

* Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. President, I move—

' *that the Madras Maternity Bill* (*Bill No.* 10 [a] *of* 1933) *be referred to a Select Committee.*'

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"In doing so, I have got only a few observations to make. I may say at once that this is the first attempt that this Council is making in the matter of labour legislation in this Presidency. I may also say that similar statutes are in force in some of the major Provinces of India such as Bombay, the Central Provinces and others. This attempt is a very modest one, and the necessity for such legislation has been felt not only in this Presidency but throughout the country; and in fact, in several Provinces such legislation is already on the Statute Book. The attempt in this Bill is to provide for certain compensation to be paid to women workers who are engaged in factory labour for a few weeks before their period of confinement and for a few weeks after that. I do not claim for my Bill any finality on the question of compensation or on the question of the period for which compensation has to be paid to the woman worker by her employer. As I said, it is a very modest attempt, and for the information of hon. Members of this House, I may also say this is one of those measures which the Royal Commission on Labour who visited this country two years ago recommended for adoption as a uniform standard throughout the length and breadth of India. As other Provinces have tackled this question and have placed this question of compensation to be paid to women workers on the Statute Books, in the absence of a similar provision in this Presidency, I think this Bill is necessary. At the same time I may say that so far as I have known—I am connected with a large number of trade unions in this Presidency—every trade union organization has placed this as one of the social services which the State, or in the absence of the State, the employers of labour, have to undertake. I have therefore great pleasure in moving that this Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—

The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman.
Diwan Bahadur N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar.
Rao Sahib D. V. Narasimhaswami.
Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.
Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar.
Mrs. K. Alamelumangathayaramma.
Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai.
Rao Sahib P. Subrahmanyam Chetti.
Mr. P. C. Moses.
Mr. C. Basu Dev.
Rao Sahib Pandit Ganala Ramamurti.
Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi.
Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar.
Mr. C. Indrayya.
Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder.
Mr. J. K. Metherell.
Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar (the Mover).

"I may add, Sir, that in connexion with the introduction of this Bill, I have received considerable help at the hands of the hon. the Home Member who is in charge of the Labour portfolio of this Presidency and his able Secretary, Diwan Bahadur N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar. I hope, Sir, that they will think it fit to accept this modest

venture in the light of labour legislation in other Provinces and make this Bill a precursor of the labour legislation in this Presidency."

* Mr. C. BASU DEV:—" Sir, I have great pleasure in seconding this motion. I do not think I need make any speech, as the hon. Mover has already covered all the important points."

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—" Sir, the attitude of the Government in regard to this Bill is one of general sympathy; but it requires improvement in many directions, and that will be considered at the Select Committee stage."

Mrs. K. ALAMELUMANGATHAYARAMMA spoke in Tamil supporting the motion, and the following is the English translation of her speech:—

" Mr. President, Sir, the Bill brought in by Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar is an important measure. I myself intended to introduce in this Council a Bill of this nature: but I am glad that this Bill has been brought in by another Member of this Council. It shows how our public men are interested in the welfare of women, particularly of the labouring classes. The Bill proposes that poor working women in various factories and in other places of manual labour who are in a state of pregnancy, should be given leave with full wages for some weeks before and after childbirth. At present sheer poverty compels them to work till the last moment of delivery. Their condition is indeed most pitiable. Similar provision is made for women of working classes in most civilized countries. I am fully in sympathy with the measure and I support it most heartily. I request other Members of this Council to support this Bill and trust that Government will also help to place this Bill on the Statute Book."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Mr. President, Sir, Dr. Subbarayan, the Leader of this Party, on a former occasion laid down a certain principle with regard to the selection of Members of the Select Committee to which any Bill may be referred. If any non-official Gentleman who introduced a Bill proposed names of Members of the Select Committee, I thought that he would do so after consulting the Leaders of various Parties. In this case, I am afraid my hon. Friend, Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, has evidently not consulted either the Leader or the Chief Whip of the Opposition. He has included names, I suppose, in his own way and as he liked; and it is only on occasions like this that there is a necessity for hon. Members from various sides to ask for the suspension of the Standing Order with the consequent result that the list becomes very large and the number goes beyond a certain limit. In order to avoid any necessity on the part of hon. Members to ask for such suspension of the Standing Order, it is better, I would suggest, that the hon. Member who moves the Bill always consults the Leaders of various Parties before getting up to read the names of Members of the Select Committee."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Sir, on a point of personal explanation, I may tell my Friend, Mr. Hameed Khan, that I have consulted, so far as his Party is concerned, the Leader of his Party.

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I have also consulted the official Member in charge of this subject in regard to that matter; and I have further consulted the Chief Whip of the Justice Party and Mr. Krishnayya Choudari with regard to the names. I tried my level best, Sir, to accommodate all points of view on the Select Committee. It is not my intention, and it will never be my intention, to shut out any point of view on a Bill of this nature which, I hope, will be made a non-party question."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is that the Madras Maternity Benefit Bill (Bill No. 10 of 1933) be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Members whose names have already been read out."

The motion was carried.

A BILL TO AMEND THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY ACT, 1925, AS AMENDED BY ACT VI OF 1929 (BILL No. 18 OF 1933).

Rao Sahib D. V. Narasimhaswami who had given notice to move a motion that the above Bill be referred to a Select Committee was not in his place when called by the hon. the President.

VIII.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS ACT, 1926.

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"Mr. President, Sir, I move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"I introduce the Bill."

IX.—THE MADRAS MUSLIM WAKF BILL.

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—"Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Madras Muslim Wakf Bill."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—"I introduce the Bill."

A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS ACT, 1926.

Rao Sahib N. Siva Raj who had given notice to ask for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926, was not in his place when called by the hon. the President.

X.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

Mr. P. C. MOSES:—"Mr. President, I move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920."

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. P. C. MOSES:—"I introduce the Bill."